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SQUAT IT

No. 17

What time is it? It is time that you go to that place that you most frequently forget to go to. It is the place that you ought to go to more frequently because it is your duty to perform all those menial tortuous tasks that you all too frequently become obliterated by, and therefore your time becomes regulated by some dull, boring and utterly useless procedures that shouldn't really regulate your usually cram packed, fun filled times of static mediocrity.

Oh
Oh how life can be so much fun when the job that returns nothing but a sore ass and the strings that used to be your fingers become tangled amongst your pubic hairs that are also becoming entangled in your shredding clothes that then in turn become ensnared in the machinery that turns with idiotic synchronicity. Well it is in these most inspired times that you should bend over, place two things in the right side of your brain, that should be there anyway, they are two things that some bizarre lunatic exclaimed with intent to write a book about some years ago and incidentally did. Oh, I forgot about those two things, they were: being and nothingness. Well now that you've reprogrammed the right side of your brain.....

HELLO HELLO
•• WHAT'S GOING
ON HERE
THEN..



NOVEMBER 88

18th: Ex-fireman came and suggested we change the name of our building in case people thought it was a real firestation.....

DECEMBER

1st: a small city of squats is going strong out in the Nth-west

5th: SEC trying to fuck around with squatters rights again - got the EAG to give them a jolt.

8th: 26 empties called in by one person.....got to be a record.

9th: Squats in Shower St, Preston get a reprieve when the council knocks back planning permit.

10th: Invited to join in on SKA TV project and to contribute squat news for current affairs programme.....
....move over Derryn!!!

11th: Negotiations over a squat in Brunswick go well, owner even offer to supply some beds.

13th: ANOTHER squat opens in Dallas/Broadway....it's an epidemic...if only the MOH could act as fast!!!!

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** police are being their usual piggy selves and hassling a squat in St

14th: A mysterious Firestation benefit gig appears in the form of paste up posters, great to see the building liven up at last.

15th: Bloke rings up wanting us to squat the house he's been living in to get back at his 'nasty' landlord ...must think we're some sort of Hit Squad.

16th: 12 more empties dobbed in, this time their a bit more 'up market' they're in Kew.

23rd: Support BBQ held in Yarraville for striking CSR workers - much \$\$\$ raised and morale raised even more.

27th: Single Parents Union has become the Single Mothers Union and is willing to help people squat...if they're single parents, and wimmin, and living in the Knox area

26A Frances Cres

Ferntree Gully

758-0272

31st: End of 88 and at last we can say goodbye to one of the biggest Whitewashes in the story of the world and a year of disgusting nationalist white pride.



JANUARY

5th: More enquiries about available houses in Dallas/Broadway area.

15th: SPEW....YUK!.....VOMIT.....
....got invited to join in the Aust Day parade.....what an INSULT!!!!

**More empties reported in from Dallas....must have been a ghost town before it got squatted.

17th: Had interview with Scum re:Sue Renouf and her \$2 million shack in NSW, told them we'd inform the Sydney Union...they'd know what to do with it.

16th: One of the Dallas squats comes under threat as the Moh start to get a little edgy....having dreams of Laverton are we boys????

23rd: Leaflet drop in Dallas draws varying response, from right wing bullshit to full on support.

28th-29th: Biggest, loudest, most ragiest, drunken and debauched rock concert/festival/gig happens at the Community Fire Station - \$1,400 raised thru donations - excellent time had by all as Melb rocked in it's foundations!!!

FEBRUARY

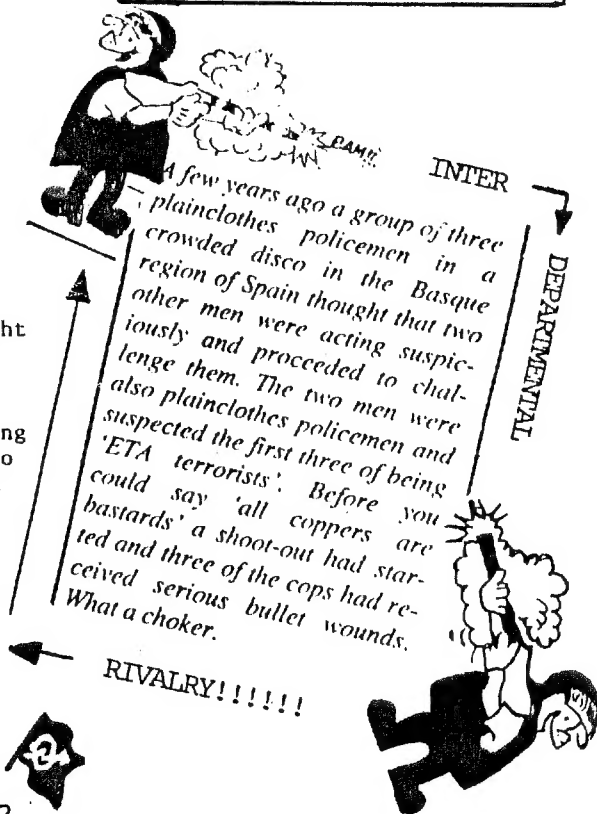
2nd: Firestation threatened with eviction....AAAARGH!... we will fight to the death!....MTA wants to sell the place out from under us.

21st: BLUDDY LANDLEECHES!!!...ringing us up expecting advice on what to do about squatters, told them to speak to them nicely.



Well there has been at least 3000 000 new squats opened up in the last 5 months and each one is filled with teeming new anti-government ideology. So watch out all you fascist heads, cos we'regonna get you before you "Pay or Die".

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THE WANKERS REPORT:

Well,well,well two years after the international year for the homeless a report has finally appeared revealing that, their is alot of youth homelessness in victoria,it is a problem, most of todays youth are so fucked off with life that they have adopted a phisophy of self-destructivness as a way with coping and most of them don t see a particularly bright future for themselves.

This report) The Burdekin report) has sent shockwaves through parliment and dragged the average citizen away from their video for a minute to look at the corpses piling up at their backdoor,startling them with the realisation thatthe homeless youths are either their children or could be their children.Parliment itself has had to feign awareness and the homeless have become human for a change instead of being faceless maniquins under a bridge in the rain.The papers are full of hard-luck stories,pictures of youths staring into space,stories of rape,molestation,bashings and torture committed by the caring parents of the world.Sometimes a picture appears of hope,some salvation army slime with their arms around some wild child who they ve rescued from heroin addiction,replaced the need withthe salvos perverted idea of charity meaning the youth will become dependant on the salvos and be imprisoned by a misguided belief in owing something to those two faced scum.

SHATTERED SANITY.

Life,fragmented,disjointed,

cast out,to be blown

in the breeze,

refuse upon the winds of corruption

Photos of homelessness glued

to youth workers walls,

posters for somthing

they can't understand;

it's all statistics

in a world that won't care.

Stories possessed by pain

sell a million,

front page in the paper,

empty promises.

" it will change "

say the leaders

as we're blown apart

by the hot air

they extrude,

expecting us to sleep

on lies and fantasies

they know won't come true.

" I'm floating in the sewer

waiting to be sucked

down the drain

to die with

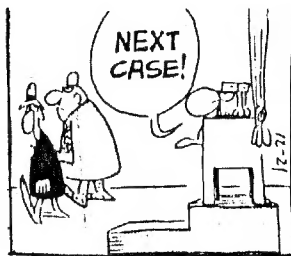
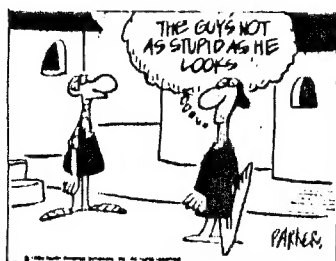
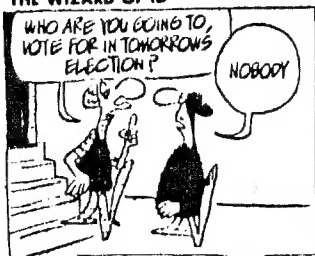
the rest of the refuse
that's going insane.

The whole media angle is one of sensation-
alism, the stories and photos bringing tears
to the middle classes eyes while the blame
is shifted around from parents, the state
and federal governments and the fact that
the under 18 dole isn't enough.) surprise,
surprise, under 18s need food too) not
a word was said about the sick greedy
landlords who own empty houses, or the
predjudiced real estate agents who won't
rent to young people or the filth who
intimidate, victimise and bash young people
for living in squats. These real reasons for
homelessness are never mentioned because the
whole putrid system breeds unemployment,
violence and starvation and to alleviate
homelessness is going to mean holding

the rich responsible for the problem and
as the rich fill the government coffers
they certainly are not going to be taken
to task about their filthy money grabbing
philosophy.

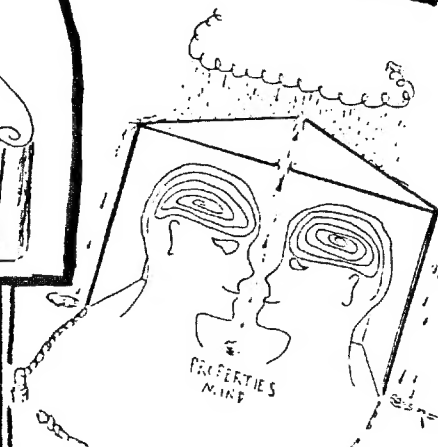
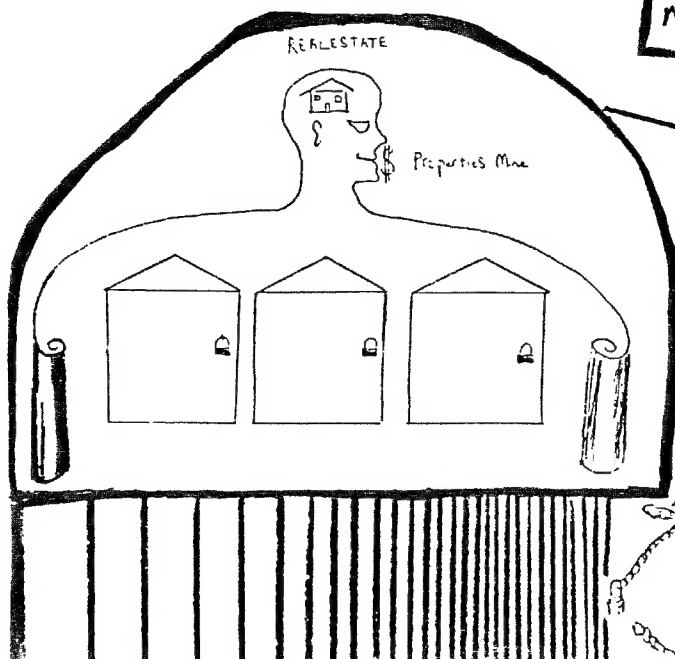
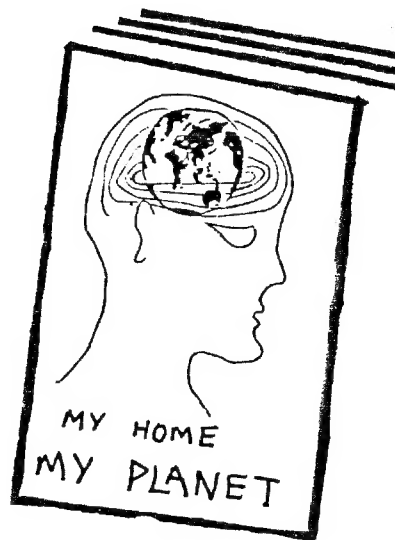
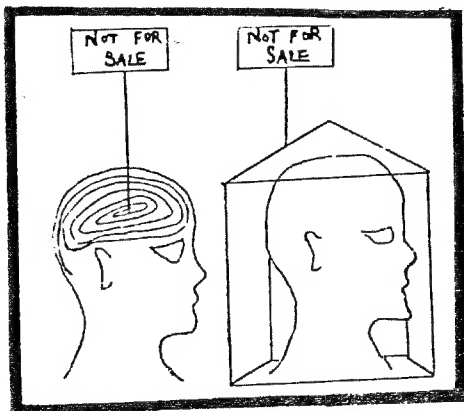
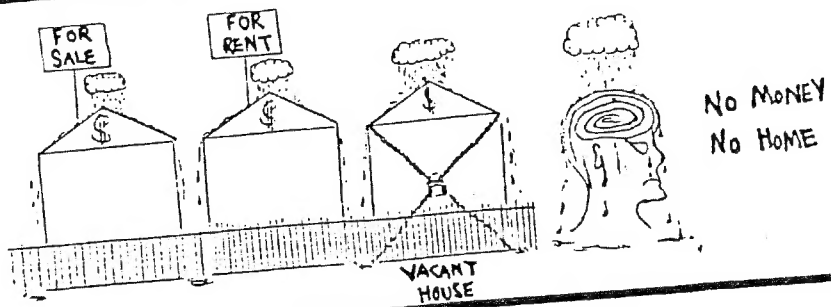
So while the parliamentarians run around in
mock surprise pledging money to various
causes and talking about setting up youth

THE WIZARD OF ID



refuges) which do fuck all, just teach
dependance), the middle-classes are crying in
into their bankbooks, the working class are
saying its the fault of the homeless
for getting themselves in that situation;
the homeless are still homeless, only
their famous now which makes it all
right in most peoples minds. The real
answers are still being ignored, raising the
dole especially the under 18 dole, holding
landlords responsible for empty houses,
placing a ceiling on rents, ending the
discrimination landlords have against young
people, dole recipients and single mothers
and legitimising squatting, this could
begin to end the problem of homelessness,
instead the government is holding meetings
and dinners to talk about the problem and
another report will be handed down in
six months to see if anything has changed
so while the power-brokers wank on the
homeless are still starving and being
bashed by the filth, the rest of the worlds
crying crocodile tears and those with
any brains squat and fight back.

Bob Hawke says he will end child poverty
in 19-90, hes got no hope but the day
will come when all thosefools will look
in surprise when the homeless are beating
on their front door and putting them up
against the wall to shoot them.





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The Herald reported that "the poor of Melbourne seem to be taking matters into their own hands...." and Pullen, minister for housing (ha, ha) says "things are a little bogged down", when asked about the Defense Force houses laying vacant in the Broadmeadows-Dallas area, crimminally empty and rotting while thousands of people are homeless.

But not anymore, cos the homeless up that way have found just the thing to "clean up the ministers drains", and every month the numbers of squatters increases as the 50 or 60 empty houses in the area get put to their proper use, the squatters ignoring the pathetic and transparent excuses of the petty beaurocrats.

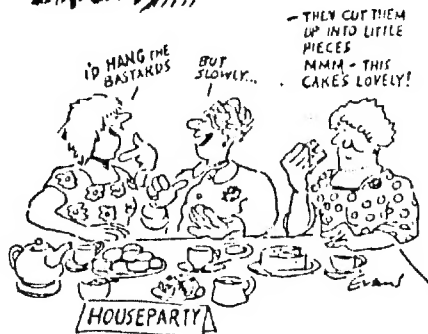
The M:O:H. in their infinitely penny-pinching duncedom have been negotiating with the army (re: the transfer of the empty houses) for months but have, as usual, become entangled in their own beauracracy and redtape, and as the negotiations slowed down, and the paper pushing increased, the homeless (we aware of the Ministrv's inefficiency and ludicrous excuses) took matters into their own hands and housed themselves, repairing and making liveable the, sometimes, seriously run down houses.

And as the numbers of squatters in the area increases, so does the feeling of solidarity between them, and the potential for strong resistance to any attempts at eviction.

We only have to look back to the squats at Laverton a few years ago (also defense force houses 'bogged' down during transfer to the M.O.H.) to see what a bit of mutual aid and solidarity can do in the face of eviction. The 25 squatted households (in that case) put up a strong resistance to being evicted from their homes of 4 years, and even after finally being brutally thrown out many returned to re-squat.

In the process the RAAF, MOH and police got a very embarassing and exposing bit of media limelight-not somthing they enjoy, or are rushing to repeat... and what if they come to evict...? well, squatters too have learned from the past, and if the authorities think that things got 'nasty' in Laverton..... But until that day, the squatters in the north-west enjoy some relief from the constant crisis of homelessness and show, once again, that Direct Action DOES get the goods.

LANDLORDS,...



NB: Anyone interested in supporting the Dallas/Broadway squatters, whether it be doing repairs, shifting furniture, or resisting eviction, can contact them thru the Squatters Union

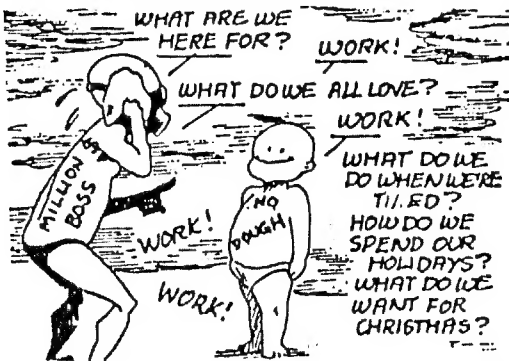
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"SKILLSHARE" EARNING NOTHING WHILE LEARNING NOTHING!"

The only good thing about the dole is that at least you've got time to survive on x% below the poverty line ...well Skillshare and the Activity Test will put an end to that.

Thousands of unemployed will be conscripted into these TAFE on the cheap programs via the Activity Test[the DSS will say do this or we'll cut you off the dole.] For your 30 hours a week of structured traing you'll receive a whopping \$15[U21] or \$30[Over 21] on top of the dole - barely enough to cover fares and expenses...

At the end of '88 all CYSS programs were abolished: often reopening as the new Skillshare programs. But in Victoria many programs were abolished altogether[eg. F'cray CYSS]. The ending of CYSS allowed the gov't to sack many progressive workers and get rid of the few progressive CYSSs left.



Now in Collingwood the Salvation Army is running the Skillshare with the same people who got C'wood CYSS closed down now running Skillshare.

The only groups who can afford to apply for funding are those with money as you have to provide 15% of the funding [or \$11,000 to \$30,000]. Basically the people who are running Skillshare are local councils and Christian groups.

Effectively what the gov't did was privatize 15% of it's labour market programs...while at the same down

closing down thru funding cutbacks the short courses at TAFEs which would have provided an alternative to Skillshare...

Another major changes from CYSS has been a stepping up off the 'performance assessments' done on programs: if a Skillshare program doesn't get a good enough 'cost benefit per unit' ie. enough people into the few shitty jobs there are: their funding will be ended.

This will lead to their becoming an arm of the DSS: spying on Unemployed people.. It also ignores the almost complete lack of jobs in the North and West of Melbourne. People with special support needs will be funding liabilities and will be passed over by Skillshare because they won't be as easily slotted into jobs as others.

The programs are being expected to continue to provide support while at the same time chasing 15% of their funding while at the same time running more traing programs...all with an overall cut in Labour Market Program funding of 40% in the last 5 years.

So the training will be shitty. the support and advice non-existent[it doesn't help you find a job] and the money you get from the government is an insult...

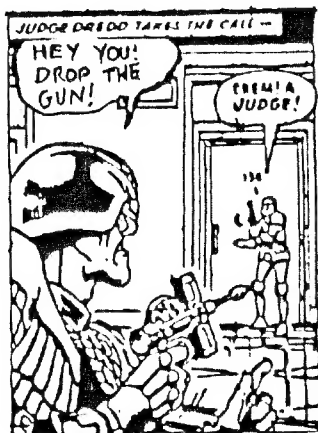
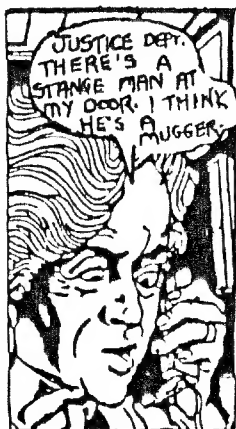
SO IF YOU'RE CONSCRIPTED INTO A SKILLSHARE PROGRAM...
...WHY NOT WRITE TO US
AND LET US KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON!!!

....meanwhile.....

In England Thatcherism has introduced Employment Training[ET go home]; a scheme similar to Skillshare except for an element of honesty - it's more obviously a work for the dole scheme. In Edinburgh eg. ETs are being trained ['] to walk the streets 40 hours a week doing questionnaires for Lifeline.

Unwaged workers in ET have tried a wide range of tactics including a nationally co-ordinated disruption of the National opening of the scheme in 7 different cities linked by satellite.

- * Some of the tactics they've used are:
- * Using tools etc for fixing up squats
- * Refusing to replace paid workers
- * Doing a bodgy job to lessen the profits of their bosses
- * Being 'dumb dolces'[it seems a smart thing to do really]
- * Taking extra breaks to avoid RSI from keyboard or production line work
- * Refusing to work in unsafe sites.
- * Taking sickies en masse
- * Actively supporting new conscripts and making sure they won't get intimidated by the boss.
- * Calling up project managers of unsafe, racist or sexist employers in the middle of the night





STREET CLEANING IN ST. KILDA ...

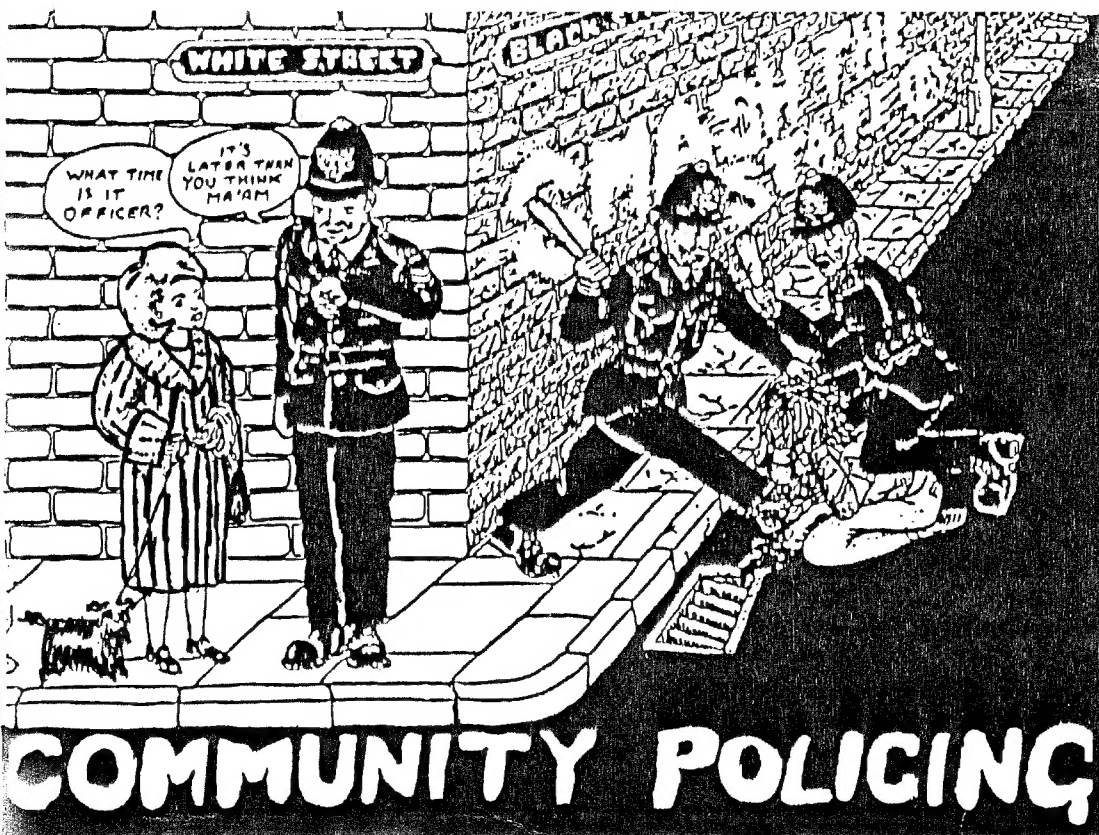
PIGGY STYLE.

Certain police at St. Kilda have taken it upon themselves the task of eliminating male prostitution and homosexuality from the streets of St. Kilda. These police who take on the role of moral guardians are using many underhanded tactics in their effort to purify the area of sodomy and sin. One of the major methods used is entrapment, whereby a cop pretends to be a client, and when a transaction is secured, busts the worker. The effect of this has been to scatter sex workers all over the St. Kilda area, thus

making it harder for organisations like the Prostitute's Collective to reach them with vital health information. This scattering, of course, also makes it harder for them to organise and work co-operatively, to improve income and conditions.

With these outcomes of police blitzes, though, it becomes apparent why they do it; because they couldn't give a flying fuck about our lives or our conditions anyway.

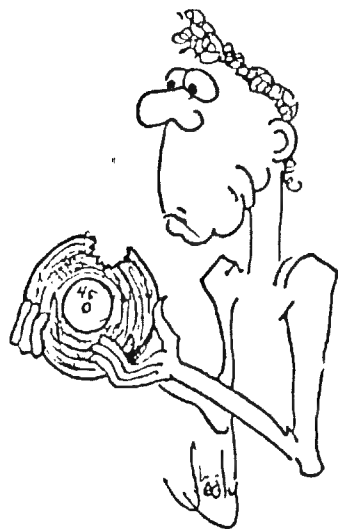
What a surprise!



SHOPPING WITHOUT THINKING!!!!!!!

Have you ever, by some act of misfortune, found yourself aimlessly wandering down an aisle of a supermarket? Then perhaps you'd care to become enlightened as to why you are overcome by euphoric delirium closely resembling stupidity, as oversized versions of cardboard-clad rubbish levitate themselves into the shopping trolley. Because of this mute-like state, you find it difficult, if not impossible, to calculate the savings you may make on the economy pack. So in despair you resign to the largest, truly believing that you've scored a bargain. And when this trance-like state limits your vision to eye level only, you can be sure that the filthiest of companies is displaying its twenty different varieties of the same produce within this limited field of vision. Each product promoting a personality for you to wholeheartedly identify with. Perhaps you're the flamboyant, luxurious type that really likes to splash out on themselves, maybe you should indulge and splurge out on the cushions imperial leather. Can't you see yourself flying to Paris for lunch, lathered up in a tub of water that doesn't even ripple upon take off. Or maybe you're the down to earth type that likes to get things cleaner for less with the no frills, no style anonymous due to embarrassment label. Yes the product personality is a well thought out process that is cunningly designed to extract the most from your meagre wallet. It really does get in! The bigger the company the bigger the con and the more sophisticated the method of withdrawing your savings from you. Most supermarkets have courteously supplied you with droning, pathetic piped organ versions of "killing me softly" beneath which are subliminal messages that penetrate everyone's justifiable urges. "Don't steal, stealing is bad, only bad people steal stealing is bad for you, you will get caught if you steal." And so on..... Amongst the 16 tracks of terrible music these messages become inaudible to the unsuspecting ear. Other messages are also implemented to convince you to consume even more useless and polluting products! Buy, buy, buy more you need this one, you must simply have to buy that one." So next time you mistakenly venture into one of those ghastly arenas

just be aware of their infiltration into your susceptible subconscious. Try a bit of reverse psychology and lash out, filling your bags with those articles that you may really need, and smile to the checkout person, singing one of their clubby piped organ songs as you sail knowingly out of their horrid chamber of consumption.



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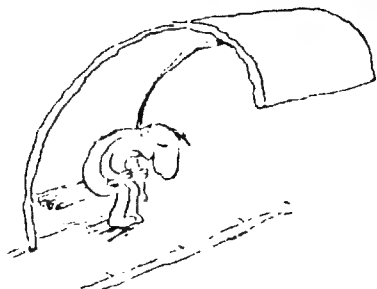
2 days before Xmas the Ministry of Housing informed 5 housing groups in Victoria that their funding for 89 was to be cut...at least in NSW the Libs gave groups 6 months warning. CHAS[the co-ops network], Shelter[peak state body] Western Regional Housing council, the Tenants Union and YAC[youth refuges network] all received cuts of 20%, 42%, 22%, 13% and 20% respectively in real terms. At the beginning of Dec. the Moh had a trial run and cut the Geelong based Housing services guide by 100%.

Consultation was the order of the day of course - but it was a sham: despite meeting with all groups to explain the cuts the Minister couldn't provide any reasonable explanation of them. Compare 'I have closely examined the CRP and the nature of funding available to groups'[letter to Shelter 23/12/88] with another statement by Pullen[the SL minister] to the Shelter General Meeting[25/1]: 'I know

I didn't have all the information but I thought it was important to do something'... a nice contradiction...the cuts still stand nonetheless.

The Moh's funds aren't limited when it comes to paying \$50,000 salaries to their executive but despite this Pullen cried poor. The Moh did fund 4 new groups this year but the housing movement will not allow itself to be played off against one another. The Moh also provided a pittance[\$55,000] for social justice related projects.

PRESTIGE



But this has to be bid for by the groups who want it - and as we all know, to achieve social justice in this state will cost heaps more than the \$55,000 insult offered by the Moh.

The problem isn't just the cuts but the attempts by the Moh to undermine the independence of community groups by telling them what to use the funding for. This has been combined with the cuts being focused on the older, more experienced and more radical org-

anizations in an attempt to knobble the community housing sector. With the exception of the Public Tenants Union which received an increase in funding despite it's effective defense of it's membership: the cuts were aimed at groups who had the statewide networks to be able to fightback - leaving local groups with funding intact [except Brunswick PTU] but without the resources to co-ordinate actions.

Pullen is unable to provide real justification for the cuts: but there are unstated reasons in every case. For Western Region it's obviously a cut to punish an organization who's supported rent strikes and squatters. For CHAS the cuts come at a time when the Moh is beginning a review of the whole funded co-op sector as well as being a de facto extension of the 2 year moratorium on new co-ops by stopping CHAS from being able to support new co-ops jumping thru the bureaucratic hurdles placed up by the Moh: this will particularly affect the rights of disabled people to be able to move from institutions into self-managed co-ops.

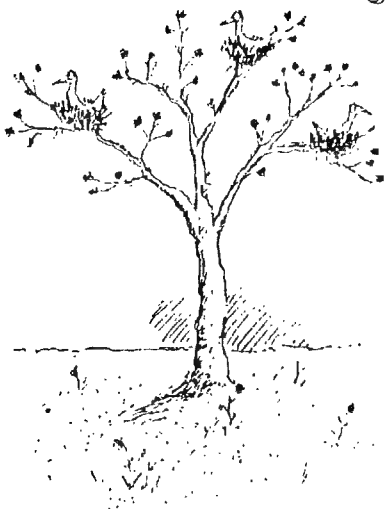
For Shelter the cuts are particularly stupid as the Moh has been involved in the review process Shelter was undertaking... and then without waiting for the review to be finished the Moh decides to cut funds by 42% and to limit Shelters work to discussion about housing finance. Shelter is meant to co-ordinate debate and information dissemination for the whole state with 1.5 workers - the community sector both funded and unfunded continually performs miracles on the smell of an oily rag [you're reading one] but this proposition is just unbelievable.

The groups aren't going to take Pullen's shit lying down. Already 80 people demonstrated against the cuts at Moh headquarters on the 27/1: organized by Western Region. The fight will continue: stay tuned to SUUWA for more details or call up your nearest affected group and ask them to keep you up to date.

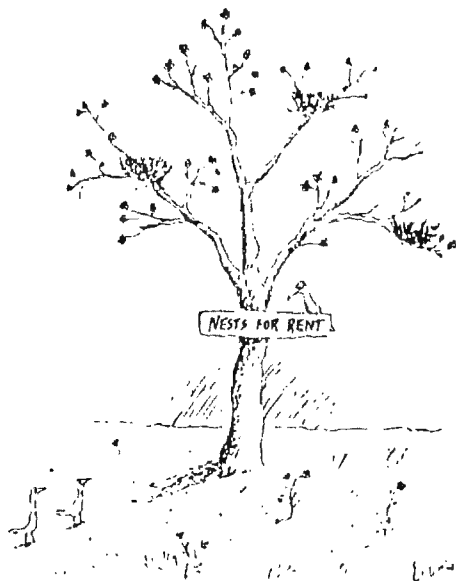
"The failure to provide any rational justification makes me concerned about what will happen to the Community Housing Sector in the future. Who's leg does Pullen think he's pulling?" : a Shelter worker.

A SPRING MYSTERY.

WHY DO BIRDS DO THIS



WHEN THEY COULD DO THIS.



My landlord is absurd
I mean a turd
he's not a gentle man
rent's due
where do you begin
late
to describe a scumbag
WHO creeps around our house at night
with us in our beds
under threat
he's in my morning drink
of eviction
the garden, the bathroom,

the stereo, the drainpipe
perches himself on the fence
by the lane overnight
to get a better view
security?
in six months ejaculations
to keep us clipped
he thieves us of our money
you know what he can do with his
rent arrears.
Law of the land
not land of the lord.



Wow.... Cops get constipation

Who said 'Don't worry be happy' in the Age of 10/2/89...

- [a] a stupid yuppi's T shirt
- [b] the chief kop, Mr Kel Clare
- [c] your local XTC dealer having off-loaded \$45 of nutmeg onto you.

You guessed it... Mr Kel Clare was the one with such words of wisdom. After complaining of how the police needed another 2,500 officers in order to perform their duties at 'optimum' level, he proceeded to say 'negative feelings to and from the police are common. While there is some limit to what we as a force can do about public attitudes, we can directly control our own. Positive attitudes get things done... - it was very nice of him to admit that the police couldn't quite mould public opinion about their brutality-but i'm sure there are some fairly stressed knuckles out there in piglet land.

I can't understand what the police are worried about tho: after all they're well paid compared with most workers and they're even getting their new powers next month.

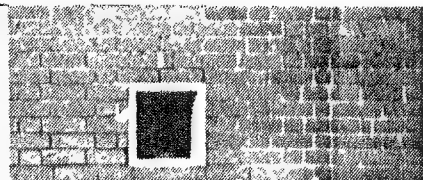
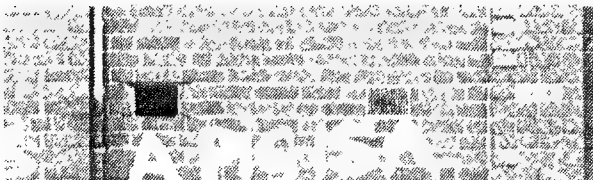
They haven't got much to worry about from the Muirhead Inquiry into black deaths in custody if the 1st set of reports which recommended that no charges of negligence[eg. not trying to resuscitate people]let alone murder.

They know that they can occupy any working class suburb with dozens of police and body search any young person they want on the pretext that Footscray[88] or Fitzroy[89] has become the new 'smack city' without a whimper of protest from the mainstream media[see the article in the Age 6/2/89 pg 11. which describes a drug free bust in wonderfully objective manner - where the biggest hassle is that a bus blocks the writer's view.]

The cops know they've got the most pro boss minister in the gov't [a fierce competition to be sure] in charge: Steve Crabb of RLF buster infamy. Crabb's latest contribution to Cain's democratic socialist[sic] Victoria has been to support a new law where the onus of proof is to be reversed: if you're carrying an 'offensive weapon' you'll be in the nick unless you can prove you were not going to use it for a crime. This will allow the filth to frame anyone they like.

Crabb's other contribution to civil liberties has been[Age 2/2/89] to support ID cards for young people who don't have drivers licences to allow pub owners to be able to kick out under age drinkers. This will be biased against poorer young people as they are the ones without ID at the moment- and are therefore safer from the police. With the new pub ID card[already in place in Darwin] the cops will be able to tell whether you've had the bucks to apply for a drivers licence - or whether you're poor and therefore an easy target for hassling...

Why shouldn't the cops be happy?



RENOVATIONS

BY MR PLOD



2 police were ambushed and killed in Melbourne in October. Since then Melbourne people have been subjected to a barrage of pro-cop propaganda and "CRIME-WAVE!!!" shock, horror media stories. An atmosphere of sympathy for cops has been/is being created, allowing them to basically get away with anything in order to find the cop killers: a suspect was held for 2 weeks without charges being laid "for his own protection"; a 23 year old suspect was shot in the head and chest in a raid on his caravan. He died instantly. A witness said he saw the police kick in the door and went their guns; this house in Richmond was flattened looking for weapons used in the shooting. It had already been raided 9 times in 2 months. A replica pistol and another gun were all that were found in the wreckage.

Bitch Bitz

* January saw a huge leap forward in AIDS prevention: with the passing of a new law allowing people with AIDS to be placed in quarantine...certain to make for an open discussion of the issue eh?

* The grapevine has it that the bane of tram travellers and workers alike are facing increasing resistance. Ticket Inspectors, whose main role is to see the end of conductors and the introduction of automatic ticketing, attempted to arrest a traveller who refused to show his ticket in solidarity with the conductors only to find that two separate groups of people dragged them off the traveller.

TIs can't make arrests off tramway land [except when they're undercover cops] so that this form of resistance is very much a goer...

* The war on the right of poor people to have modular storage systems continues...it's certainly confronting to sit down to your morning museli and see an ad on the milk carton threatening legal action against anyone found with the wonderful plastic boxes. Pura Milk is even threatening raids in its quest for increased profits at the expense of our chairs, bed bases, bike boxes and clothes containers...



Government solves Youth Homelessness! 90% made to disappear through ineligibility!

In a novel solution to homelessness, the Labor Party has found a solution... you may remember the fanfare of Priority 1 which led to a whopping \$26 on top of the dole being made available to homeless young people... well according to the Age[17/12] less than 10% of young homeless people are actually eligible - and since we all know that this government would never let people starve unnecessarily-we must presume that the other 90% don't exist.

The problem is that they then come knocking on the doors of youth refuges - who due to lack of funds have to turn away 80% of enquiries[H'rld 12/12]

The Socialist Left Minister responsible for this solution made an unusually perceptive comment - he said that poverty in the outer suburbs was a time bomb waiting to blow up[Age 7/2] hopefully in his face.

The continuing reality of the private rental market is that 33% of tenants paid more than 40% of their income in rent every week and that rents rose on average by 12% last year[Age 7/2].

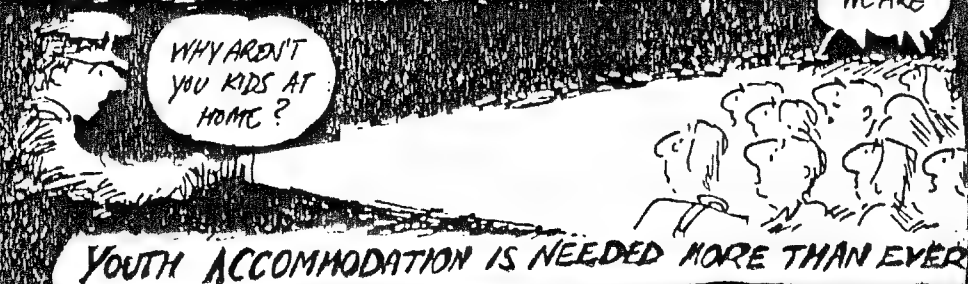
It's hard enough to pay rent on a wage: but 32% of Under 18 dolees are intimidated away from applying for the extra \$25 Job Search Allowance [on top of the base rate of \$25] because it would involve making contact with their parents again or because the form was too complicated.[cf Brotherhood of St.Lawrence Survey quoted in Age 17/12]

The gov't is reviewing the situation and will have 'something to say by the end of the month'...bit slack eh?

The Liberals have got an even better solution: they want to introduce full scale work for the dole. The work is there: picking up litter, helping with meals on wheels or gardening according to Wilson Ironbar Tuckey: they just don't want to pay for it.

"nobody should get paid for doing nothing" according to Tuckey - so why did he get the same pay rise as all the other MPs - a measly \$112 a week extra.

THE PROBLEM HASN'T BEEN SOLVED



it's all riot....

Riots shifted away from the squatter's ghettos when anarchists went on to the offensive during the October IMF talks in Berlin. The result was the biggest police operation since the building of the Berlin Wall in 1961. Over 10,000 police were deployed (3000 drafted in from West Germany) to protect the the safety of the world's bankers.

From the start an entire support structure had been established to meet the needs of the demonstrators—this included 10 information centres, a daily four page information paper, the expansion of the local people's kitchens for visitors, and a 24 hour legal service. As usual, the autonomous 'sanis' (first-aiders) and their treatment centres were ready and waiting.

80,000 people attended the first march to the IMF congress centre. Half way through the demo a block of around 1,000 anarchists had emerged. After the march 2,000 spontaneously streamed to the city centre to Breitscheid Platz. The police were unable to separate demonstrators from tourists, and so could not move strongly against the crowd. The riot police, though massively

present, were restrained by Berlin standards, due also to the attention of the world press being focused on them.

The gatherings and the planned demonstrations continued for the next four days, each day bringing with it quicker police responses. By the end of the protests there had been around 1,000 arrests and hundreds of injuries.

The second night saw many banker's cars attacked as they attended an exclusive performance at the Opera. 140 arrests were made using the kessel (corralling or encircling) technique. At one point a kessel was broken. When released the demonstrators retreated up the main shopping street, leaving many

smashed windows and an overturned police van in their wake.

Each night thereafter brought about an increasing level of attacks on wealthy shops, hotels where the bankers were staying, and on the bankers themselves. There have been reports of bankers being dragged from their cars and beaten up. 14 hired cars were set alight and dozens damaged. At one point bankers had to dive for cover as a reception that



they were attending was attacked by angry demonstrators wielding sticks....All this despite the chief cop's assurances that the bankers would be at no risk during their stay in Berlin.

For many the highlight of the protests was to be the Internationalist demo called by the anarchists for the last evening of the week. 7000 people took part, many of them masked. At the end of the route the police had prepared a big kessel using 8 foot high metal shields fixed to vans, and 4 water cannons and 5 armoured cars fitted with bulldozer blades. Before reaching this point, the anarchist's loudspeaker van at the front called on the demonstrators not to walk into this police trap, but to end the demo by dispersing into small groups. Many people headed for the city

centre—where the usual police brutality, baton charges and mass arrests took place.

The protest against the World Bank and IMF marked a significant advance in the politics of the anarchists and other groups who advocate direct action. No longer was there rioting in the ghettos, or the destruction of our neighbourhoods. Instead, people focused on the city centre where the actions were more effective, better targeted and seen by more people. It was obvious that the police wanted us to riot in Kreuzberg, and were prepared for this. The anarchists managed to leave the ghettos for this, and hopefully future, demos and campaigns against capitalism and its consequences.

SOURCE: Berlin Calling.

for you !!!!!!!!!

waaaah...everyone hates me..
i don't have any friends...sob..
...everybody picks on me....
...even my mother hates me...
....boo hoo hoo....sob!....



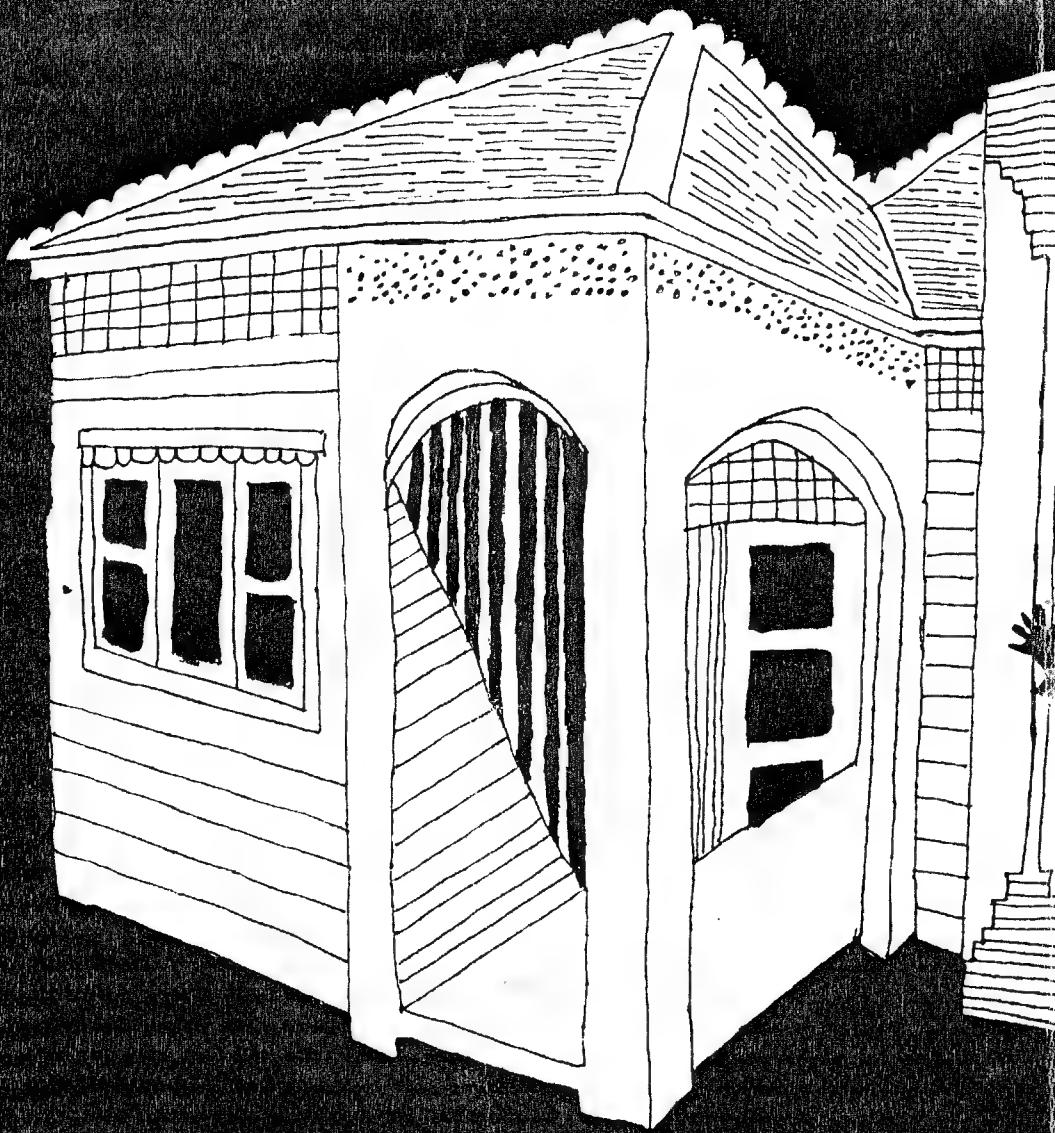
? What's the difference between cutting up cops and cutting up onions ?

@ You don't cry when you cut up cops !!!!!!

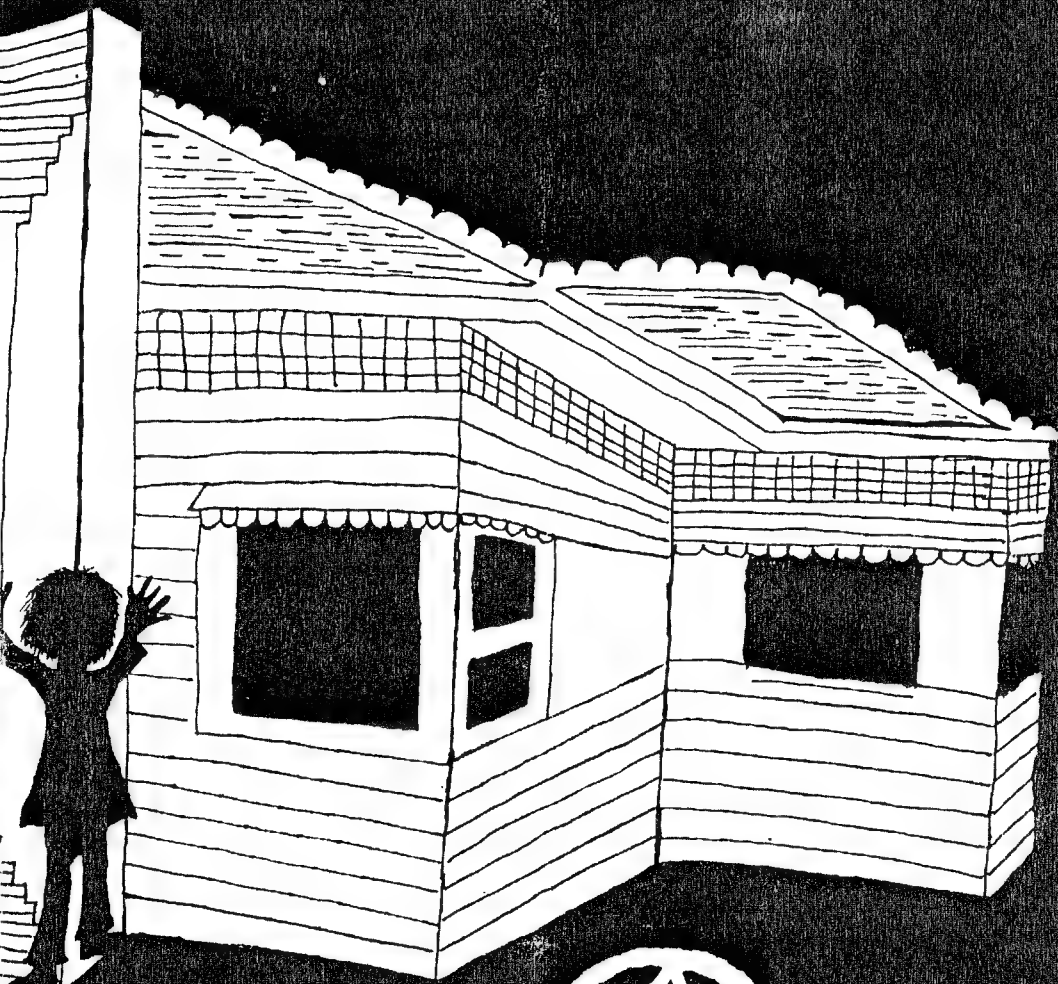
DE JA VU:

Move over Bob, looks like Simons moving in. Ho, mr Crean is making the big move to parliment. No longer satisfied with the privlages of power he's got as president of the ACTU he's set his sights on bigger things. This is the same man who claimed (two weeks ago) that he would NEVER sell out and run for parliment. He'll make a great politician.

CREAN FOR P:M:



HOUSING F
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FOR PEOPLE
PROFITS

SEIZURE.....

At 4.17am on the 14th Dec., Victoria Brazil, National Party member and the newly elected president of the Uni of Qld. Students Union, 3 other executive members and 4 private security guards burst into the studios of 4ZZZ FM in a dawn raid.

They waved around an illegal eviction notice and threatened staff and the graveyard announcer with physical violence if they didn't leave. They then posted guards on the door and rendered the studio inoperative. They also erased certain tapes and took certain documents relating to the union's dealings with 4ZZZ over the years.

Station workers were contacted. A handful went to the transmitter at Mt. Cootha and began transmitting a call for help to triple Z supporters.

All this was done by members of the union executive while students were on holidays. In an attempt to gain some sort of legitimacy for their actions, a union council meeting was called for one week before the eviction notice deadline. Even by student standards, the meeting was a marvelous stacking, number crunching, procedural manipulation. Black proxies were provided to a known National Civic Council organiser and other non-students. 4ZZZ remained defiant and refused to move. A public meeting at the Trades and Labour Council building and a support rally at the Roma St. Forum were organised, leading up to an occupation of the station on the night of the 18th. The threatened eviction failed to eventuate.



By 9am 200 supporters had gathered outside the station. Locked out of the studios, they occupied Brazil's office. Among a number of things discovered in her office was a letter from the union's solicitor saying that in their opinion the eviction was illegal, 4ZZZ could sue and win, except that they would be too poor to do it. Station supporters then reoccupied the studios. The union then presented triple Z with an eviction notice giving them till the 19th Jan to vacate the premises.

Several days later the Uni. authorities intervened, taking control of the situation out of the hands of the student union. The stated reason was that they didn't want a riot on campus.

4ZZZ FM began broadcasting in Dec. 1975. It was the first non-commercial FM station to be granted a licence under changes to the broadcasting regulations introduced by the Whitlam Labor government. For 13 years the station had provided a voice for the aspirations of oppositional elements within

the reactionary Old political climate. Programmes catered to the interests of Aborigines, women, homosexuals and prisoners - the station was accused of being responsible for the 1983 riots at Boggo Rd jail. The station has always been the strongest supporter of local bands and new music. The station was always the most vocal, and often the only critic of the Bjelke-Petersen regime (it took the Courier Mail 20 years to realise there was corruption in the State's administration) and supported strongly the Right To March, Commonwealth Games and SEQEB protests, with its reporters harassed and arrested. With the recent demise of leftwing activity in Brisbane, the station has become more and more a key focal point to sustain political activity. That it would become a censorial target for the rightwing dominated student union with their national, liberal and NCC affiliations is not surprising. This same group of people having failed to gain control of the student paper Semper have tried to sack the elected editors and replace them with their own recently defeated candidate.

THE ASTOUNDING
SQUATTERS ON AIR!
EVERY FRIDAY

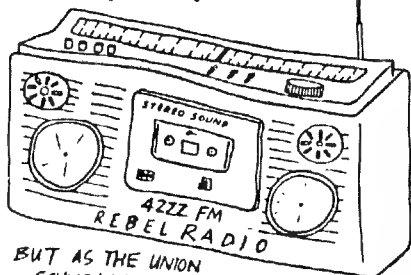
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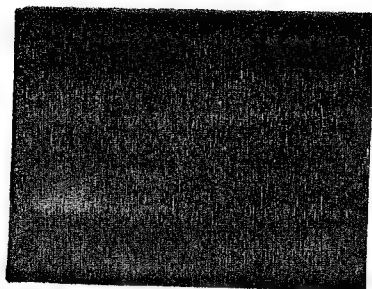
ON THE A.M. DIAL



... I'D LIKE TO PLAY THE BOILER, A RECORD THAT PORTRAYS RAPE AS THE VIOLENT AND HUMILIATING CRIME THAT CAN BE BROUGHT UPON ANY WOMAN BY ANY MAN. IT IS ALSO A LESSON TO MEN TO RE-THINK THE SEXUAL OBLIGATIONS THEY MAY FEEL WOMEN OWE THEM FOR A NIGHT OUT...



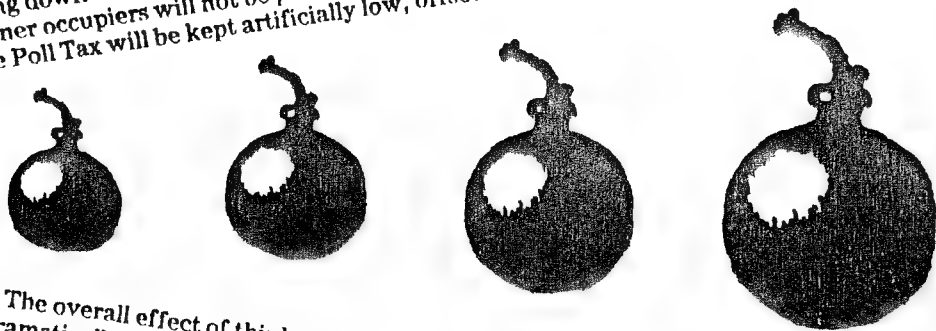
BUT AS THE UNION SCUMBAGS HAVE DECIDED TO DISCOURAGE THIS MESSAGE, I WILL HAVE TO PLAY A GOLDEN OLDIE INSTEAD. KILLER ON THE LOOSE BY THIN LIZZY TAKE IT AWAY PHIL...



Housing Time Bomb

New legislation aimed at pricing out the poor from council housing will act like a time bomb. When the legislation takes effect—which will be at the same time the Poll Tax payments begin in England and Wales—the results for many people will be catastrophic, increasing drastically the number of homeless and driving more people to below the poverty line. Add all this up and the authorities will be faced with an explosive situation—literally. The riots of the 1980's will seem like a picnic.

The legislation was announced in the recent Queens Speech. The way it works is as follows. Any profits made on council-owned housing stock will no longer be able to be used to subsidise the rates, or the Poll Tax as it will be known in the future. Instead these profits, if any, will be expected to subsidise the housing benefit of local council tenants. In other words the wageless council tenants will have their rent paid for them by waged council tenants and if there is not enough revenue to go around then council rents will be adjusted. Likewise money from the Poll Tax will not be able to be used to bring down Council house rents—this is in order that private housing sector tenants and owner occupiers will not be penalised by public sector housing tenants. In this way, too, the Poll Tax will be kept artificially low, offset by the Council house rent rises.



The overall effect of this legislation is that council house rents will invariably rise dramatically (some observers say by as much as 17 per week). Also many tenants will be encouraged by these increases to move to the private sector. This will further encourage less house building in the public sector.

With massive increases in rents, less housing to go around, and the Poll Tax to pay as well, the situation will reach breaking point for many people. Already there are thousands of 16-17 year olds, having left home, who are homeless because under the new Workfare regulations they can't receive benefit if they refuse to go on wage-slave training schemes. These young people are disqualified from staying in hostels under the new regulations so they end up squatting or on the streets, invariably penniless with only crime to turn to for support. This situation can only get worse.

With no housing, only bad jobs, and a crazy tax system, the Government seems to be almost begging for trouble.

Squatters eye Susan's place

LADY Susan Renouf's new \$2 million mansion has been targeted as a potential home for squatters.

Frustrated squatters, well aware of Lady Renouf's history of spending time overseas each year, believe they could make good use of the cliff-top mansion in Sydney's fashionable Whale Beach. A Melbourne Squatters' Union spokesman said: "It's offensive that one per-

By ANDREW LAING

son would live in a house like that when the number of people without homes to go to is growing every day.

"Maybe we should pass the address on to the squatters' union in Sydney. I'm sure they could make good use of it when she's not there," he said. "We would take good care of it," said Rohan,

who refused to reveal his surname.

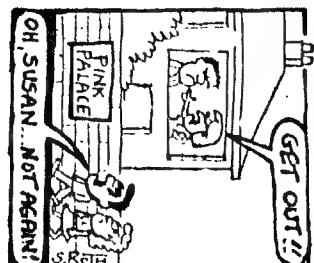
Lady Renouf announced on Monday her purchase of the three-level mansion, which boasts six bedrooms and big entertainment areas on a 1200 sq metre property.

An unimpressed Rohan said the buy merely indicated the gap between low-income earners and the wealthy was growing. He said increased investment in real estate by the

wealthy had forced home prices up, making the prospect of low-income earners owning their own homes even more unattainable.

He said it had also led to increased rentals, forcing more people, already resigned to never being able to afford their own home, on to the street.

"Lady Renouf wouldn't worry about that though. I suppose — she'll never be forced out on the street."



RICH BITCH TRAUMAS.

Poor susan, the tears stream down my face, I hope they drown her, silly petite bitch, the problems facing an upper class whore like her must be traumatic. We think we've got problems with such trivial things as having to lay in the gutter in the hail because the council just bulldozed our house as a symbol of the eighties, having to fight rabid pit bullterriers for food because we're broke and going to the d.s.s to get a counter cheque and leaving with the old age pension because we've waited so long to get seen. Compared to the enormous troubles she has such as

which house to live in, which country to fly to for a holiday, which bank to go to to withdraw \$500,000 and which dead SEAL to wear to the royal orgy. To top it all off she has now got squatters threatening to live in her empty mansion. I hope the stuck up snob goes insane with worry over the whole thing. I hear after the article she

increase the security on the said mansion, so scared of the all powerful squatters, what an outlay for the poor syphalitic poodle fucker, how will she afford her next face lift?

I long for the day when beorgious slimes like her can't do a thing about her obscene mansions sitting empty on a prime piece of real estate because we'll all be living it up in her mansion and she'll be crippled and living on the 30th floor of the commission flat and the lifts won't work. Revenge tastes sweet especially when scum like her are being trodden on.

THE STATE OVERSEAS.

HOUSE ARREST IN B.C. ?

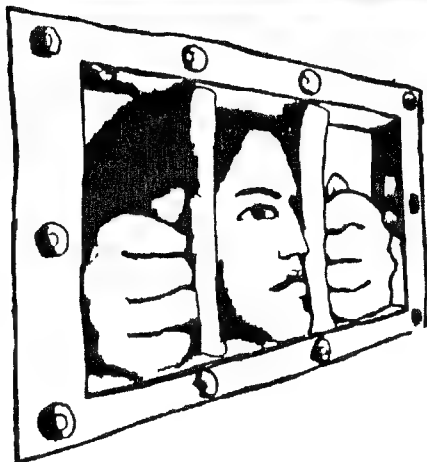
Recently the B.C. "Corrections" Branch conducted a nine month pilot project involving the use of electronic shackles on non violent offenders.

The Canadian Bar Association has given its approval for the device and we will now see what the government decides. No doubt they will find the implementation of this device favorable, as it makes House Arrest a new option for the "justice" system. (House Arrest is commonly used in South Africa to stop the movement of Anti-Apartheid activists.)

If electronic shackles are implaced it will ultimately mean that the State will have one more way to enforce jurisdiction over greater sections of the population, this is known as "net widening".

With the prisons full, the courts could simply sentence a person to house arrest. We may very well see the courts of the future issuing the shackle as punishment to people with offences that would merely be warranted with a fine in the present day courts.

In the wake of quarantine laws for people with AIDS and a government that literally makes it known that it thinks people on welfare are either scum or they don't pray enough, one can only be a bit concerned about this new phase of state control around town.



PRISONERS' DAY OF ACTION, FRANCE

8,000 prisoners participated in a day of action in France on Sept. 13, 1988.

Nearly a fifth of the country's prisoners demonstrated simultaneously. Despite some variation at local levels, the demands essentially comprised: (1) Abolition of the hole, isolation and the DPS system (special surveillance for certain prisoners).

(2) Minimum salary for all prisoners, including auxiliaries.

(3) The use of rooms where intimate contact is possible.

(4) Amnesty for the prisoners who were punished after the Besancon and Ensisheim riots.

(5) An end to keeping prisoners locked in their cells

(6) More visits and contacts with prisoners' families.

(7) The right for all prisoners to remain in contact.

(8) More conditional releases and time off from sentences.

Some of the actions leading up to the national day of action included hunger strikes and refusal to return to cells.



well yes, life's hard you know
what with economic downturn and all
My pay increase was only \$10 000 this
month, and I've lost my car phone...I'll
say its tough, but we all have to pull
our weight, what with the price of
champagne these days its outrageous.....



AMP

Australians Exploiting Australians

THE CONTINUING STATE....

It is a city as segregated as a South African township. 70% of the inhabitants are African Americans (Blacks). It is a city which has the highest infant mortality rate in the U.S.A.. It's a city renowned for the ambulance system's slowness. It is the city where George Bush, American President, took oath of office. During the time George Bush was sworn in the homeless were moved out of sight. "You see that bag there?", Mr Wallace Duv says, pointing to a paper bag, "During the inauguration that's how we feel, like a piece of trash on the street. That's the way people are treating us."

SOURCE: THE GUARDIAN WEEKLY- JAN 29/1989.

NO SPARE CHANGE?

Where there's poverty, you can bet there's someone trying to make a buck off it. This phenomenon often takes the form of smooth talkers sporting social science degrees: their task, whether dealing out tranquilizers or prison terms, is to keep the lid on.

Things seem to have hit a new low in New York City though, where an upsurge in people asking for spare change in the streets has set the stage for the ultimate poverty commodity: the No Spare Change" t-shirt.

The shirt is the brain (?) child of Markium Surmack, who wasted no time writing a letter to the New York Times to let the world know about it (although the Times doesn't print addresses in its letters to the editor column, blunting the economic impact, Surmack can undoubtedly expect to reap a "trickle down" effect.

In his letter, Surmack hopes to cash in on the "irritation" of a "counter current of opposition" to "hassling of pedestrians and commuters." Some may find his shirts "heartless and belligerent", he breezily acknowledges, but on the other hand, and more profitably, "some people find these shirts are very appropriate and funny." They're a "sign of the times" says Surmack, though they may not "offer a real solution". (!)

But one can assume that that's exactly what they are, for most assholes buying them: a temporary real solution in the absence of an undoubtedly preferable "final solution." Are "kill the poor" t-shirts next?



Prince Edward has said that the plight of the young homeless in Britain is "by accident, I am sure". He said: "Nobody becomes homeless by choice so utterly broke that they are reduced to begging". The homelessness of the young has increased since Social Security changes introduced in April '88.

SOURCE: The Guardian Weekly Dec 25 '88.

THE DECAYING STATE....

THE POOR GET POORER..

British legislation aimed at pricing out the poor from council housing will act like a time bomb. When the legislation takes effect, (at the same time as Poll Tax payments begin in England and Wales), it is expected that the number of homeless and those living below the poverty line will dramatically increase.

The legislation was announced in the queen's speech; the way it works is as follows: any profits made on council owned housing stock will no longer be able to be used to subsidise the rates, or the Poll Tax, as it will be known. Instead these profits, if any, will be expected to subsidise the housing benefit of local tenants. In other words, the wageless council tenants will have their rent paid for them by waged council tenants and if there's not enough revenue to go around, then council rents will be adjusted. The Poll Tax will not be used to bring down council house rents.

The overall effect of this legislation is that council house rents will invariably rise dramatically. Also, tenants will be encouraged to move to the private housing sector, resulting in the building of less public housing.

With massive increases in rent, less housing to go around, and the Poll Tax to pay as well, the situation will reach breaking point for many people. Already there are thousands of homeless 16-17 year olds as a result of the new Welfare regulations - they are denied benefit if they refuse to go on the wage-slave training schemes. These regulations disqualify them from staying in hostels - many are squatting or are on the streets, with no money. The situation is only getting worse.

Add all this up and the authorities are begging for trouble - the riots of the 1980's will seem like a picnic.

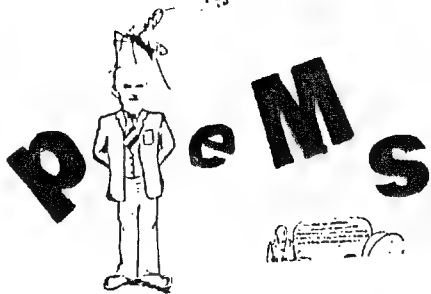
Homelessness is on the increase in Britain. Environment Department statistics show that the number of households which are homeless is 128 345. The local authorities accept this as 370 000 homeless people. Shelter Britain says that 740 000 households approach local authorities for housing each year. 227 180 households accepted that they were homeless and asked for help from local authorities.

SOURCE: The Guardian Weekly Jan 8 '89.



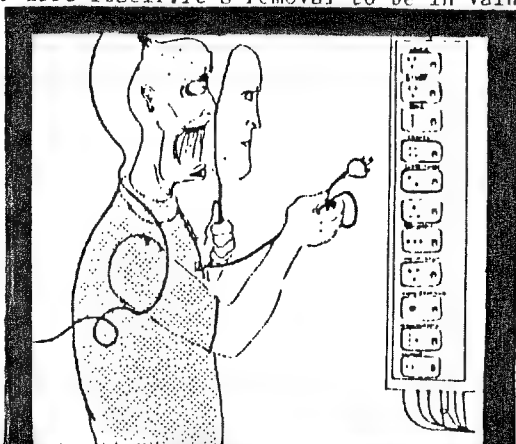
During the American Great Depression 1936, New York had 2711 people sleeping in the subways, and 5823 homeless in the city as a whole. Today's estimates are 1300 sleeping in the subways and between 5000 and 60 000 homeless in New York City. The National Coalition for the Homeless says today's homeless figure for the whole of the U.S.A. is 2,000,000.

SOURCE: The Guardian Weekly -
Dec. 25 '88.



Borrow my time, my limbs, the land.
 You pay me with your superficially
 modified tree.
 nothing to me,
 Leave that tree alone, it is not yours!
 NO you can't borrow my body to break
 over 65 years of toil.
 I've foiled, yet again.
 You've built a cage for which I have to
 pay.
 I don't want your imposed, tainted lands
 cape upon which to dwell.
 I liked it how it was.
 Why do you play god?
 Prodding, poking to gain a reaction from
 the unearthed, oblivious worms that lie
 innocently beneath your bloodstained boot.
 Defeat is little understood by common gr
 ound or this cyclical, suspended and anima
 ted growth.
 It is your game you play,
 LOSING SIX SETS TO NIL.....

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 reason for production, the ultimate symbol
 of want and the well disguised substitute
 for life itself, it's removal to be in vain.



ONCE A PONATHYME.

There once was a little girl who's
 family was very rich. They lived in a
 ramshackle house and loved each other
 very much. They had lots of time in their
 garden and ate 353 fresh vegies every
 day.

One day a man in a suit came
 to their house and wanted to buy some
 of their time. The little girl said he
 could take as much as he wanted but he
 didn't hear her 'cause he was too busy
 offering the adults green slime.

He wanted the men for forty hours worth
 plus hyper-time. He told the women that
 they could each have a shiny new mansion
 in Glenroy.

The family all laughed heartily at this
 and asked the man in the suit if he
 wanted a cup of tea. He said he didn't
 have time and that this was their last
 chance. On his way out, the little girl
 handed him a bunch of thyme,

"Just in case you need it."

"This child should be in school,"

he spat.

They all laughed.

What a waste of thyme.

Painting glue....on a hot day,
cold factory floor
not allowed to sweat
sniff more glue baby
money isn't heaven sent
I know that
i know that cause I'm poor
knowing while I'm lying here
smashed on the cold factory floor



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... GET IN THE
DRAW FOR A
HOUSE ...
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A couple of buckets
of donations

NEWS FROM NEWZELAND



Government policy shifts!

Well, it seems the government has really screwed it up this time. Apparently, they want to bring a new law in that cuts our dole. Their policy states that people from the ages 16 to 20 can get between zero & \$80 per week dole. 19 & 20 year olds can get a slight increase, and you might be lucky to receive an extra \$20 to \$30 per week if you live away from home. Here's the catch: the amount you get depends on the joint earnings of your parents before tax. If they earn \$600 between them (average wage levels), then you get nothing. So most people would get between \$0 and \$50 per week. So the government has passed the unemployment burden on to the parents - you either stay at school, get a lousy job, or live at home till you're 20. In effect, the government is not doing what they're paid to do (though that's no surprise.) By making this move, the regime wants to fill all jobs so there are no unemployed or artists or musicians. This plan,

when put to the test, could never work, because there are about 120,000 registered unemployed on the dole, and about 40,000 job vacancies (if that) in Kiwiland. But most of those vacancies require work experience or skills that school leavers just don't have. The government estimates that the number of people on the dole will increase to 200,000 by the end of the year. The question I'd like to ask is how do they propose to squeeze 120,000 (or 200,000) people into 40,000 jobs? Impossible! Even by creating new jobs, you still couldn't reach the figure of 200,000. Many of the vacancies are Clerical, Office and Factory work. Now obviously, not everyone is going to want this type of work. Indeed, not everyone wants to work a "normal" 9 - 5 job. Some of us would prefer to go on the dole (so we can afford to live) and then do voluntary work for an organisation that we feel is a good cause. Whether that's working to abolish nuclear weapons, vivisection, or looking after the animals at the S.P.C.A. But because of this new scheme, we won't be able to. And also, there are rumours that the regime wants



to raise GST to 15% and phone bills go up in November. Then there's the cost of food, housing, clothing, and bills such as electricity and rates. Then what about entertainment? Cigs, records, movies, or whatever! In 1979, parts of Australia tried out this tactic, and in Sydney many teenagers had to eat dog-food, because they couldn't afford anything else. We can all live self-sufficiently, grow our own food, make our own clothes, and live by candle-light. But where do the bloody SSS come from to get some land to grow our food in the first place? Looks like the



IT'S HARD TO
PLEASE YOUNG
PEOPLE NOWADAYS

only way to survive is to have 12 people living in a 2-bedroom flat. So if you can handle having no privacy, then go for it! I'd like to see any of the regime's Cabinet Ministers live like that — yet they're very eager to inflict such a lifestyle on others. I say this government policy stinks!

— Joe. Mangere Bridge.

From the State Adversary.



JOB SEARCH ALLOWANCE?

What does 25 bucks buy your average politician?
a pair of socks
a bottle of wine
a hankerchief
a present for bo-bo the dog
a night at the opera (political concessions rate)
a tip for the waiter
a doorstep for the guests
paper for the rest-room
half a headjob
daughters' hair bob
(he says)
"search for a job slob"

food and rent
money spent
clothes and travel
judges gavel
just sixteen
father's mean
hit the street
I'm dead meat
thrown to the wolves
sharpened teeth
young bones for
the industrial jaw
set for a feed
yum yum fresh from school
watch the manic monster drool
it costs me 25 bucks to feed the dogs

CONFEST CONTROVERSY

Remember Jim Cairns and the Mt Oak saga?..... well the fight for the land has once again erupted as Cairns (now director of Research for Survival P/L) has called the Mt Oak Community to the Supreme Court as he continues his attempt to steal the land from the community and people who initially helped set it up.

For people who aren't up with the saga: it all started in '76 with Jim Cairns, June Morosi, and Ditchburn travelling around and eventually convening the first confest - the Cotter Confest.


From this and the following confests came the idea and realisation of 'free' land, not owned by anyone, but used and controlled by the 'active participants' - this finally led to the establishment of the Mt Oak Community, with the title supposedly held in 'trust' by Down to Earth (set up for that purpose).

However, due to the greed of one man, the dream went horribly wrong. The trust was NEVER registered, and instead it comes to light that Cairns (ex PM and leader of the anti-Vietnam moratorium marches) 'owns' the land thru a company called Research for Survival, of which he is a director.

But even with this history of lies and corruption the dream is not dead. Many people still live at Mt Oak, restoring it, establishing food crops and creating an alternative to the ever present shit that surrounds us.

And regardless of the continual harrassment, abuse and threat of eviction they remain determined to stay.

So the battle continues and as the next chapter unfolds the Mt Oak community is calling for your help.....



MT OAK FREE LAND NEEDS:

* WITNESSES - the participants in many discussions about buying the lands at the Bedbo Confest over the '78-'79 New Year - WERE YOU THERE?, OR DID YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO WAS THERE?

* DEFENDANTS - the people who claim their right to live on Mt Oak. STATUTORY DECLARATIONS AND AFFIDAVITS ARE NEEDED!!!

* FOR MORE INFORMATION AND SPECIFICS
RE: ACTION, CONTACT THE PEOPLE AT MT OAK:
P O BOX 6
COOMA 2630
NSW

or SEND FUNDS TO THE 'FREE MT OAK FUND'
COMMONWEALTH BANK ACC. NO: 46922
BRANCH NO: 2523
COOMA
NSW

'No Place for Knockers'

The realities of the social repression which will accompany Melbourne winning the Olympics were made clear by the head of Shell and president of the Australian Olympic Federation: Mr Gosper. [Shell is the company which fuels the South African army.]

Gosper said that everyone must sincerely believe that Melbourne would win if we were to have a chance at the '96 games: any knocking would ruin our chances... great!

It's clear that to avoid the games the community which will be wracked by sky high rents and prices if we do get the games must make our wishes clear: We don't want them.

The Lord Mayor's attempts to buy off opposition to the games with promises of a social impact study should be seen as a farce. McCaughey's mind has already been made up: 'we are totally convinced of the benefits' [Age 17/12]. You shouldn't hold your breath waiting for the 'negative impacts' to be 'minimized or eliminated'. You'll probably be personally eliminated - or at least minimized in importance for the whole of the 90's if we get the games. The investigating panel is a common gov't sop-every seen 'Yes Minister'?



TO PROSPERITY

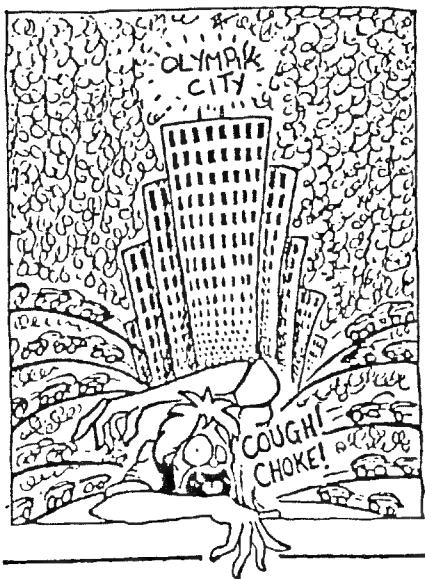
But don't worry: you don't have to save up your tomatoes for the International Olympic Federation Officials: here's some things you can start knocking right now:

* The SEC tried to reintroduce security deposits for people without ID late last year. They piloted a scheme in Dandenong where you had to front up with \$100 - but were stopped when the Medicare office informed them it was illegal to use Medicare #s as ID.

The federal gov't saved \$35 000 000 by a new year's diddle which stole 2 weeks family allowance by changing payments to a monthly basis from fortnightly payments - thereby missing out 2 weeks from the 15 - 29/12. A nice Xmas pressie eh?

* Our bosses are underpaid according to the chairman of National Mutual [Age 1/2]... so to keep up our international competitiveness N.M.'s bosses were given a rise of 80% in pay this year... it's funny how in the same cause of 'international competitiveness' real wages have fallen for ordinary workers by 30% since the ALP came to power.

'96 games: any knocking would ruin our chances...great!



BARCELONA OLYMPICA



The manufacturing of the Barcelona '92 showcase city is now well under way. There is resistance, but so far it has been limited and ineffectual. Meanwhile the 'authorities' continue to spend large amounts of time and money on giving the city a facelift and eliminating eyesores, and very little on the basic perennial problems of housing, health, education, unemployment (the dole here is virtually non-existent).....

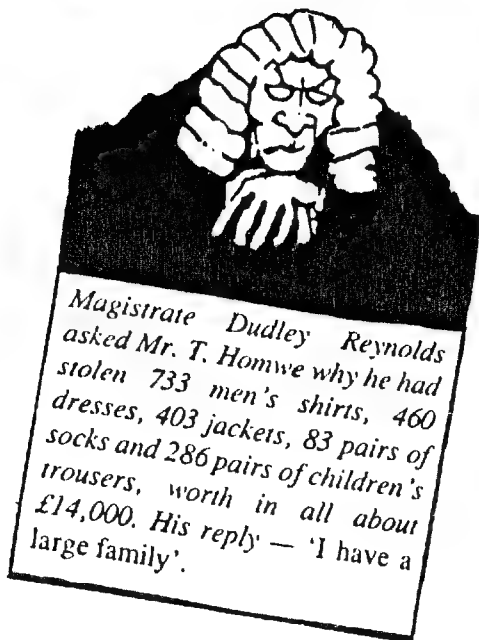


Part of the plan is to clean up the inner city, deport all the undesirables close down the late bars etc. The change is already noticeable.

A target for the clean up was the Merce Fiesta, traditionally a full on 5 night party for the people of Barcelona - total, unrestrained FIESTA.

But this year was a little different. There was definitely something of the usual Merce spirit lacking - like about 48 hours, the festival being cut to only 3 nights+. the fiesta was moved from its normal site, due to the building of an Olympic installation and dumped in a ditch on the other side of the park, just near the cemetery. The spot must have been chosen for its complete inaccessibility and distance from the rest of the town.

But to be fair there were some innovative additions. A fence and big gates and uniformed, armed security guards hanging around, just to make sure we all enjoyed ourselves....

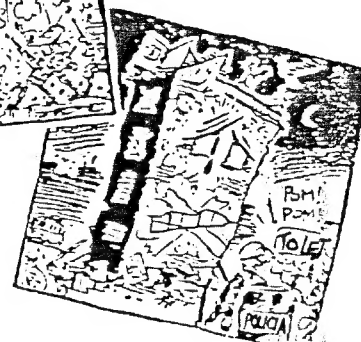
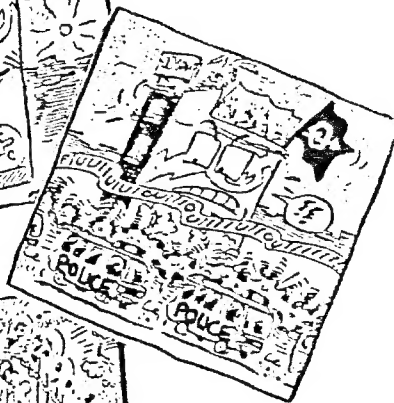
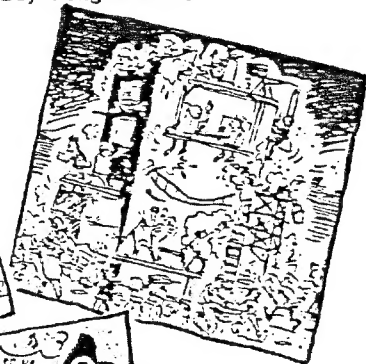
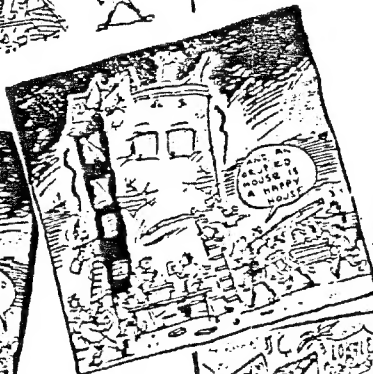
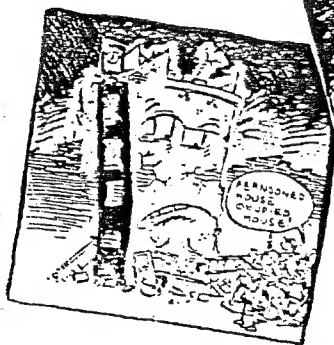


Magistrate Dudley Reynolds asked Mr. T. Homwe why he had stolen 733 men's shirts, 460 dresses, 403 jackets, 83 pairs of socks and 286 pairs of children's trousers, worth in all about £14,000. His reply - 'I have a large family'.

SQUATTING IN SPAIN

ZAPATARI RAID....

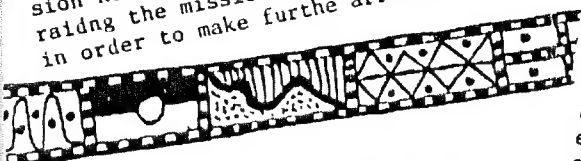
The big Zapatari squat in San Sebastian (Donosti) was raided by pigs for the 9th time in 4 months. 9 people sleeping inside were registered and the filth took away material about the threatened closure of Hala Bedi Radio plus fanzines and said they would be back. Meanwhile on 6/10 Hala Badi was sabotaged yet again, when aerial cables were cut in 4 places, this time they think by nasty neighbours.



AND IN MADRID....

The autumn began here badly, on the 30th August when the free radio Hala Bedi in Gasteiz was smashed up by the police and all the gear stolen. The same day in Madrid over 100 police broke into the squatted Casa Popular in Madrid occupied for 100 days, and bulldozers followed to demolish it. More bad news from Malaga, with the collapse of the squatted centre. Lletra A magazine has published articles trying to analyse why the level of resistance is so pitifully low, pointing to changes in the structure of capitalism here in the last 10 years, consumer and T.V. culture, etc. and the development of new forms of control, the mask of freedom and democracy over the basic police state, individualisation for market purposes, channeling of protest into a feeling of apathy, etc. What has been happening here may be used as a model elsewhere, and to be prepared for it we need to find new ways to challenge these latest forms of state control and create the unity and strength required to achieve our aims - a free and equal society.

* Invasion day '89 saw another riot by aboriginal people. The only report was 6 lines in the age[27/1]. 6 arrests were made at Purfleet Mission near Taree, NSW.-the police were raiding the mission again on the 27/1 in order to make further arrests.



* More shit from the Toorak Trash: Bruce Ruxton claims Indonesia is battling a 'rebellion in East Timor': an interesting variation on reality where East Timor was invaded and had 1/3 of it's population die in Indonesian army enforced famines and war. The TT really needs to deal with: most distributors will happily drop their door to door bundles if given a fiver whilst many of the advertisers may change their minds if placed under a bit of pressure. Check thru your next TT to see how many ostensibly groovy shops support the voice of Fascism: eg. Polyester Records had medium sized adds in it for ages. Cafe Bohemia had an ad in the TT of 31/1 as did the Price of Wales....



* The racist trash in the Toorak Times continues to spill forth: the TT of 31/1/89 contains Jennifer McCallums [of People Against Communism] fears that Australia will become 'a nation of half castes and everything else under the sun'[!]. She doesn't seem to realise that people of mixed racial background only come from people of differing racial backgrounds sleeping with each other[barring rape]- maybe she's afraid the gov't will pass a law making this compulsory.

* Hoyts Pickets are continuing: call the AT+AEA on 662 2499 for details



* Continuing from the successful disruption of the auction of the Queen Bess Row Rooming House which would have left 70 people homeless in Dec: 15 demonstrators on the 8/2 stuffed up the auction of the 22 bedroom home at 64 Napier St Fitzroy so that even the Ministry of Housing with it's absurdly low limits on buying rooming houses could buy it which they did. Hopefully it's fate wont be the same fate as the Moh property reported in The Melbourne Times[15/2]. The Moh bought it 3 years ago and hasn't touched it since. Now that it's become a fire hazard the Moh is taking immediate action...not to renovate but to board it up...mummm...



* The ruling class is quaking with fear: at the prospect of an 'overheated economy where people have jobs and people have enough money to spend on consumer goods...of course the fact that our overseas debt is due to overseas borrowing for company takeovers[not something that most workers can do] or luxury imports doesn't seem to get a mention...of course the figures quoted in the Age[10/2] come from the Aust. Bureau of statistics[who made 150,000 unemployed people disappear when they took over the figures in 1982]are pretty dodgy because while 54,000 people found jobwork in January and unemployment rose only 0.1% to 7%...the other side of the coin is that 18% of the people who entered the labour force were unemployed...doesn't sound so good eh?





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THE CULTURAL POLEMIC ORGANISATION PRESENTS : AN INTERNATIONAL BAROQUE MANIFESTO 1989

Shoplift. You just know it's good for you & if you think it's a risk, think of the racing driver who puts his life on the line every time he gets on the track. Think of the benefits & never get caught. This crime certainly does pay. Shoplift. Even if you don't want it the thrill is great. The C.P.O. Estimate to have shoplifted \$10,000 worth of stuff last year. They have a target of \$15,000 this year & are well on their way. Never read newspapers.

Invent a sale at the local supermarket. For example something like this, Blah yuck world Ltd, to celebrate it's ten years in business is allowing all it's customers who leave the shop between 6pm & 6.15pm on Friday, can do so free of charge. Note one trolley per customer. Please come early.

When ever there is a full moon take LSD.

Superglue locks of expensive offices, supermarkets, cars & banks.

Bore the boring.

Every week note an insurance company's name from the telephone book & write to them & tell them you are going to sue them.

The landlord needs repairing.

Work is total misery, disrupt work at your work place. Switch off the lights when you leave. Place a 5c coin between the socket & the bulb. Listen for the fuses blowing in the morning.

Do you ever feel like killing your boss?

Ring every McDonalds & say sternly "Get me the manager." Tell the manager you want 50,000 dollars in unmarked bills outside in five minutes or Ronald McDonald is dead; hang up.

Ring your local cops & ask them if they have any LSD for sale.

Work for an unpoliced city.

Damage expensive cars. Break their wing mirrors off. Smash their indicator lights.

Scratch them with a coin or front door key. Drop eggs on them, eggs strip paint better than acid.

If you haven't done anything for your community do it now.

Spray paint. First steal the cans, [the rappers had the right idea].

Spray "\$laves" over banks in your area. Spray cop cars, spray over the 'po' in police so it says lice.

Over 50% of all assault charges that go to court involve police officers.

Spray C.P.O. Anything is better than a blank wall.

If confronted by the police never stick up for your rights you don't have any.

Stand in a corner & write "maikah be - tharshishin ve - ad-ruachoth be - schehalim." 999 times.

The bank is your NME. LSD is your NRG. Sex is pirate tv.

When your car breaks down don't get someone to tow it away.

Take the plates off, the registration sticker & leave it in the middle of a busy road, taking one of the wheels off. Don't forget to spray C.P.O. on the side.

How do you get in touch with the C.P.O. in your area. You can't you are the C.P.O. in your area. Get in touch with yourself. Make self evident, we won't put up with boring any longer. Construct. Disrupt.

SMASH COMMERCIAL MEDIA'S CULTURAL MONOPOLY
PHOTOCOPY THIS & LEAVE THEM EVERYWHERE

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**I DIDN'T GO TO
WORK TODAY...**



**... I DON'T THINK
I'LL GO TOMORROW**

LET'S TAKE CONTROL OF OUR LIVES